COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY MINE SAFETY REVIEW COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION NO. **05** -**MSRC-003**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
OFFICE OF MINE SAFETY AND LICENSING

COMPLAINANT

VS. **FINAL ORDER REGARDING CHARLES VANDERPOOL**CHARLES VANDERPOOL RESPONDENT

This matter having come before the Commission on the Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement between the Complainant, Office of Mine Safety and Licensing (OMSL) and Respondent Charles Vanderpool, and the members of the Commission having reviewed the Settlement Agreement filed on April 21, 2005 in the matter herein, and the Commissioners being sufficiently advised,

IT IS HEREBY **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. The Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement is **GRANTED**;
- 2. The **Settlement Agreement** signed by the parties and filed with the Commission is hereby **incorporated by reference** as if reproduced herein in full as a material part of this **FINAL ORDER**. A copy is attached hereto:
- 3. This Final Order only resolves the matters referenced herein, and any new enforcement action or subsequent penalties imposed during any probationary period are in addition to and not in lieu of those that may be sought by OMSL for the acts or omissions during that probationary period. This Final Order in no way prohibits OMSL from investigating or filing legal action based upon other activities or omissions by the

- Respondent not arising from the factual basis of the original violation and resolved herein.
- 4. This Final Order shall be considered to constitute a "first offense" as that term is defined in 805 KAR 8:010, Section 1(5). Future allegations of separate offenses by Respondent, resulting in an adjudication of guilt by the Commission, shall be deemed "subsequent offenses" as defined by 805 KAR 8:010, Section 1(13);
- 5. This Final Order represents a final disposition of all issues between the Complainant and the Respondent, in these matters. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Final Order may result in further action by the Commission; and
- 6. Appellate rights: Pursuant to KRS 351.194(8) and KRS 13B.140(1), an appeal of an order of the Commission must be filed in the Franklin Circuit Court within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Final Order. The petition shall include the names and addresses of all parties of record in this proceeding and shall include a statement of the grounds upon which review is requested. A copy of this Final Order shall accompany the petition. Copies of the petition must be served upon the Commission and all parties of record in this proceeding.

Entered this the 26TH day of May 2005.

MINE SAFETY REVIEW COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing FINAL ORDER was served by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, postage pre-paid to the following this 27^{TH} day of May 2005:

CHARLES VANDERPOOL 814 KY ROUTE 114 LOT 2 BOX 9 PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653 Respondent

And by messenger mail to:

HON. TONY OPPEGARD GENERAL COUNSEL OFFICE OF MINE SAFETY & LICENSING 1025 CAPITAL CENTER DRIVE FRANKFORT KY 40601

And the original shall be kept on file:

Mine Safety Review Commission 132 Brighton Park Blvd. Frankfort Ky 40601

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Mine Safety Review Commission

KY. OFFICE OF MINE SAFETY & LICENSING)
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CHARLES VANDERPOOL))
Respondent))

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Come the Complainant, the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety & Licensing ("OMSL"), and the Respondent, Charles Vanderpool ("Vanderpool"), and hereby state that they have agreed to a settlement of the above-styled disciplinary proceeding, according to the following terms:

In consideration for the final resolution of this action against him, and the cancellation of the hearing that is currently scheduled for August 11, 2005, Vanderpool hereby admits that he had smoking articles in his possession underground on October 28, 2004, at Consol of Kentucky's Jones Fork E-3 mine, in violation of KRS 352.170 (3), as alleged in OMSL's Complaint. Therefore, Vanderpool hereby agrees to the following:

1. The **PROBATION OF HIS UNDERGROUND MINER'S CERTIFICATE**(#) FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR, effective upon the signing of this Settlement Agreement by both parties.

¹ OMSL and Vanderpool are filing a joint motion with the Mine Safety Review Commission ("the Commission") to approve the Settlement Agreement and dismiss this action.

- 2. During this one-year probationary period, Vanderpool shall comply with all state and federal mine safety laws and regulations. The willful violation by Vanderpool of any of said laws or regulations may result in OMSL filing a motion with the Mine Safety Review Commission to revoke his underground miner's certificate for the remainder of the probationary period.²
- 3. Within 45 days of the effective date of this Settlement Agreement, Vanderpool must take **EIGHT(8) HOURS OF SPECIAL SAFETY TRAINING** from OMSL at its Martin District office.³

Vanderpool further agrees that this Settlement Agreement and any final order issued herein by the Mine Safety Review Commission will constitute a "first offense", as that term is defined at 805 KAR 8:010, Section 1 (5); and that any future adjudication against him by the Commission - regarding a separate alleged offense - will be deemed a "subsequent offense" as defined at 805 KAR 8:010, Section 1 (13).

Vanderpool understands and agrees that he has had the opportunity to retain an attorney to represent him in this matter, but that he has chosen to represent himself. Vanderpool further states that he has carefully read this Settlement Agreement (or that the Settlement Agreement has been read to him), that he has carefully considered the Agreement prior to signing it, and that he understands and agrees to its terms and provisions.

² If the circumstances warranted, OMSL would also retain the right to file a separate action with the Commission seeking other penalties against Vanderpool for his actions. In either event, Vanderpool would have the right to a hearing before the Commission on the allegations against him.

³ Said special safety training is in addition to any annual refresher training or other safety training that Vanderpool is legally required to take.

OMSL and Vanderpool acknowledge and agree that there are no other promises, inducements, representations, or agreements in connection with this Settlement Agreement other than those expressly set forth in writing herein.

CHARLES VANDERPOOL 814 Ky. Route 114 Lot 2, Box 9

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

PARIS L. CHARLES
Executive Director
Ky. Office of Mine Safety & Licensing
P.O. Box 2244
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

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<u>4-19-05</u> DATE

<u>4-18-05</u> DATE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Settlement Agreement was hand-delivered this _____ day of April, 2005, to Charles Vanderpool, 814 Ky. Route 114, Lot 2, Box 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

TONY OPPEGARD General Counsel

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